

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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NEW VARIETIES OF PADDY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the new paddy strains released by the IARI in the country during the last two years;
- (c) the varieties which Krishi Vigyan Kendra have been identified for the drought prone areas in the State of Orissa;
- (c) whether these have been released to the farmers of Orissa and
- (d) if so, at what rate?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) During last two years, one paddy variety developed by Indian Agricultural Research Institute was released. It is PNR 519 released by the State Varietal Release Committee of West Bengal.
- (b) Multi-location testing of experimental varieties for their farm worthiness is undertaken and based on their performance varieties are identified and released at State/Regional/National level. As such Krishi Vigyan Kendras do not identify varieties for release.
- (c) & (d): Does not arise.